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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

**John J. DONAHUE**

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OVER A COMPUTER NETWORK

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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2005, please amend the instant application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time in order to submit this Amendment. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any requisite extension of time fee to our Deposit Account 19-0733. If any other fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.